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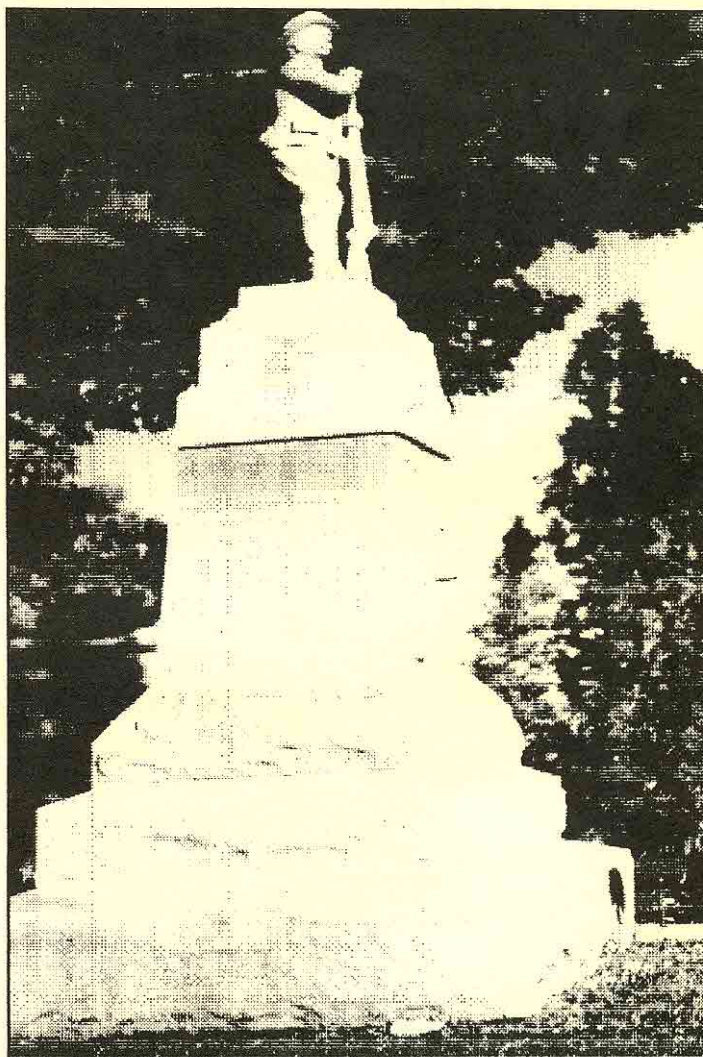
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## NEWSLETTER

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## CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL



This monument was erected in honor of veterans of the Civil War. A memorial to the unknown dead stands beside this memorial where eight Civil War unknown soldiers, who died in the St. Johns Hospital, are buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns. As Memorial Day approaches we honor all who served their country, especially those who gave the supreme sacrifice.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS CLINTON CO.  
SOLDIERS & SAILORS ASSOC.**

*St. Johns News, 27 Sept 1900; and Clinton Independent,  
5 Sept 1901, 25 Sept 1902, and 3 Sept 1903.*

The first annual meeting of the Clinton County Soldiers and Sailors' Association met September 21, 1900, in St. Johns at G.A.R. hall and the court house, according to a newspaper of the day. The group was to include "all the soldiers and sailors who have engaged in any general war in the defense of this country." Wives and widows of the servicemen were made honorary members.

A patriotic program of prayer, music, recitations, and speeches was held. Much time was also devoted to story-telling at this one-day affair. Officers elected at the first business meeting were: Wayne E. Morris, Commander; J. E. Stone, Sr. Vice Commander; J. Hubbell, Jr. Vice Commander; M. McDonald, Adjutant; H. M. Estes, Quartermaster; W. N. Stocker, Officer of the Day; Richard Lewis, Chaplain.

Accounts of the annual reunions, sometimes called "camp fires" appear in subsequent newspapers. The news articles list the names of servicemen present, their units of service, residences, and in 1903 also the veterans' ages. Residences and businesses, as well as, the court house were said to have been decorated for the event.

During the festivities of the second reunion, August 29 and 30, 1901, the cannon located at the head of Clinton Avenue was fired, "which caused much breaking of glass in the business blocks." A committee was then appointed to arrange payment for the damage done. The third meeting was held September 18 & 19, 1902.

The report of the fourth meeting on August 28 and 29, 1903, ends with the lament that, "Every year finds the number to be growing less, and it will not be long before the last one will be called upon to answer his last summons." On the following pages is a chart listing those veterans who attended the first four meetings. Many conflicts and errors in spelling and other data appear in the newspaper articles, probably mostly due to the difficulty of transcribing handwriting. In all but a few cases, presence at the 1903 meeting is indicated by the veteran's age as stated in the account for that year. The following newspapers were used to create the chart:



**ANNUAL MEETINGS**



**CLINTON COUNTY  
SOLDIERS & SAILORS ASSOCIATION**

*St. Johns News, 27 Sept 1900; and Clinton Independent, 5 Sept 1901, 25 Sept 1902, and 3 Sept 1903.*

NAME	UNIT	CO	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Able, William A.	16 MI Inf	E	Bath		X	X	
Acker, Benjamin	103 OH Inf	I	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Adams, Eli	PA Sh Shoot	K	St. Johns			X	
Aldrich, W.H.H.	5 MI Cav	-	Laingsburg			X	
Anderson, James	23 MI Inf	E	Maple Rapids		X		
Andrew, C.C.	23 MI Inf	A	Wacousta			X	
Annis, Andrew	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns				69
Archie, F.	4 MI Inf	-	Ovid		X		
Armstrong, Amos	14 MI Inf	A	St. Johns	X			
Armstrong, O.	7 MI Inf	G/I	St. Johns	X	X		
Barnes, C.G.	103 OH	I	St. Johns	X			
Bartlett, George S.	5 MI Inf	F	Ovid	X			
Bartlett, George S.	11 MI Cav	B	Ovid	X			

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Bartram, Thomas	9 Vol Inf/H Art	A	DeWitt			X	
Beadle, J. Randal	8 NY Cav	D	DeWitt			X	
Beebee, Nelson W.	4 MI Vol Cav	B	St.Johns/Duplain	X	X	X	64
Benhlev, Salmon	12 NY Lt Inf	E	Ovid	X			
Bennet, A.O.	10 Con	J	Wacousta	X			
Bienstadt, John	23 MI Inf	B	Fowler/Riley	X	X	X	
Birmington, Dennis	3 MI Inf	F	Shepardsville			X	
Black, Edward	1 NY Eng	A	Laingsburg			X	
Black, Mathew	24 MI Inf	I	Laingsburg			X	
Bliss, H.S.	23 MI Inf	G	Riley			X	
Bliss, Steven C.	1 MI Eng M	E	Riley			X	
Bond, Lester K.	3 MI Cav	B/D	St. Johns			X	61
Boots, Charles A./H.	151 NY Inf	H	Perrinton		X	X	
Bradner, John W.	4 MI Cav	B	St. Johns	X	X		66
Brink, Andrew	24 MI Inf	B	Laingsburg			X	
Brink, John H.	75 NY Vol Inf	F	DeWitt			X	
Brink, Reuben	9 NY Vol Inf/H Art	A	DeWitt/St.Johns		X	X	56
Bronson, J.W.	8 MI Inf	I	DeWitt			X	
Brown, F.A.	12 MI Inf	D	Elsie		X		
Brown, William	8 MI Inf	B	Union Home/St. Johns			X	60
Bull, Alonzo	10 MI Cav	-	Marion		X		
Burnes, B.E.	182 OH	A	Laingsburg			X	
Burns, Henry M.	23 MI Vol Inf	F	Wacousta			X	
Campbell, J.P.	5 US Cav	E	St. Johns			X	
Carruss, R.B.	2 MI Inf	D	St. Johns		X		
Caruss, C.I./T.	2 MI Inf	D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Case, Edward	3 MI Inf	G	Fowler		X		
Chapman, James	5 MI Cav	G	St. Johns			X	
Coert, Jesse	140 NY Inf	G	Fowler			X	
Cole, Monroe	18/13 US Inf	D	DeWitt/St. Johns		X	X	60
Collins, James H.	4 MI Cav	D	St. Johns	X			
Conrad, L.F.	180 OH Inf	B	Lansing			X	
Courtright, James	1 Eng Mc	F	N Lansing			X	
Couter, John F.	64 OH Inf	A	St. Johns				63
Cuddyback, Henry C.	151 PA Inf	S	Laingsburg			X	
Daboll, S.B.	117 NY	G	St. Johns	X			
Densmore, C.E.	6 MI Cav	H	St. Johns			X	
Diller, Joseph	10 NY Cav	C	St. Johns		X		
Doyen/Doyne, A.R.	3 MI Cav	B	Shepardsville	X	X		
Drake, Morris B.	23 MI Inf	K	Fowler		X	X	
Drew, Fred	8 MI Inf	B	St. Johns				72
Dunlap, Alexander	102 OH Inf	K	St. Johns			X	

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Eaegle, David L.	34 IL Vol Inf	B/D/R	Eureka	X	X	X	70
Edwards, James G.	3 NY Lt Art/Batt K	-	Shepardsville	X			
Emery, William	23 MI Inf	A	DeWitt		X		
Estes, Herbert M.	30 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X		X	57
Farrier, William	17 MI Inf	E	St. Johns				69
Fells, Andrew	197 OH Inf	F	St. Johns		X		
Fields, Eli	37/127 PA Inf	B	St. Johns	X			64
Flischer, J.C.	49 PA Inf	C	Ovid			X	
Flynn, John	27 MI Inf	G/I	St. Johns	X	X	X	68
Foster, Samuel	24 MI Inf	-	Laingsburg			X	
Fowler, Charles	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns			X	
French, D.S.	110 OH Inf	B	St. Johns				59
Gage, S.H.	1 US Inf	E	St. Johns			X	50
Gardner, William E.	33 MI Inf	G	St. Johns			X	
Gilson, William	68 OH Inf	D	St. Johns			X	70
Goddard, William	98 NY Inf	B	St. Johns		X	X	
Gower, Daniel	3 NY Lt Art	K	Eureka	X			
Granger, Andrew	20 MI Inf	B/D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Gross, John P.	16 US Inf	F	Westphalia			X	
Grubaug, Jacob	8 MI Inf	B	St. Johns				58
Hainer, H.S.	27 MI Inf	-	Laingsburg			X	
Halstead, Lewis A.	19 NY Lt Art	-	Maple Rapids			X	
Hamilton, W.E.	8 MI Inf	G	St. Johns		X	X	58
Hammond, A.J.	102 OH Inf	-	St. Johns	X			
Hammond, W.	8 MI Inf	B	Fowler		X		
Harris, H.H.	4 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X	X	X	63
Harris, W.	161 NY Inf	I	Perrinton		X		
Hart, H.S.	8 MI Inf	C	Ionia/St. Johns	X			63
Havens, W.	5 MI Cav	G	St. Johns		X		
Haynes, H. Hiram	27 MI Inf	I	Victor	X			
Haynes, H.H.	14 MI Inf	A	Muir, Ionia Co.	X			
Hefty, Thomas	29 MI Inf	E	St. Johns				60
Hibbard, Harry	-	-	Laingsburg			X	
Higbee, Myron	12 MI Inf	B	St. Johns	X			
Howard, Truman C.	23 MI Inf	A	Cedar Rapids, IA	X			
Howell, H.E.	10 MI Inf	I	DeWitt				63
Hubbell, John	26 MI Inf	C	Ovid	X			
Hulse, Charles A.	8 US Cav	A	St. Johns			X	
Hunt, A.O.	23 MI Inf	G	St. Johns				70
Ingersoll, Oliver	5 MI Cav	G	Eureka	X			
Ingram, Calvin	1 MI Lt Art	I/F	DeWitt			X	X
Jackway, Geo. C.	24 US Inf	C	St. Johns		X		

